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## Obama slams Republicans for 'ideological crusade' on shutdown

**Shutdown chokes Washington, political standoff deepens**



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The first US government shutdown in nearly two decades put a choke hold on Washington Tuesday, as the White House and Republicans dug in for an extended struggle with no way out in sight.

National monuments were barricaded, US war cemeteries in Europe closed, and hundreds of thousands of federal workers sent home without pay, after dawn revealed the wreckage of America's latest paralyzing political crisis.

President Barack Obama accused conservatives in the House of Representatives of

waging an "ideological crusade" by making government funding conditional on gutting his health reform law.

His top foe, House Speaker John Boehner meanwhile claimed Obama was pursuing a "scorched earth" policy by refusing to negotiate with Republicans, as the rhetoric hit new heights and hopes for a swift end to the standoff faded.

The president was in feisty form at a White House event marking the rollout of a key portion of Obamacare, which turned into an extended taunt at Republicans for failing to

halt implementation of the sweeping law.

"This Republican shutdown did not have to happen -- I want every American to understand why it did happen," Obama said.

"They have shut down the government over an ideological crusade to deny affordable healthcare to millions of Americans."

It was the morning after on Capitol Hill, where late night brinkmanship Monday sent America into its first government shutdown in 17 years when the money ran out at midnight.

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## Prime Minister Eman: "To capitalize on the new Aruba is an important challenge ahead of us"



PM Eman

Upon leaving the office of the Governor, Prime Minister Eman commented on the financial challenges facing us. He indicated that there are other ways to face the challenge than to chastise the people, which he says is the wrong concept that the opposition has. Eman is convinced that the challenges will require understanding. One of the challenges is our pension fund. Our people are getting older and the pension age will have to be increased. Those are the kinds of reforms we will have to make.

Another financial challenge, according to Eman, is our debt. A debt that has been growing for the past 27 years of our Apart Status. Here we will have to work towards a balanced budget and begin to pay back. We are confident, he said, that we will be able to keep our expenses down and at the same time stimu-

late the economy. This year alone we have seen an economic growth of 3%. And, there are still several projects to be initiated.

The new government will begin with the construction of the 4-lane highway, the connecting wing, the move of the wharf to Barcadera, amplification and renovation of the Hospital, the construction of five multifunctional accommodations.

The first of which will be in Noord to begin in a matter of weeks. These are projects that will create a lot of jobs and, large investments in the economy. One of the items mentioned to the Governor is that we want to inspire the community.

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Eman was pleased to mention that a large chain like Zara is coming to Aruba which will create employment for our citizens and fortify the center of the city. The government has invested much and will continue to invest creating the necessary investment to continue investing in Aruba.

According to Eman, the people today are ready, interested and inspired to walk together with the government along with all other organizations to do great things for our community.

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**Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy**

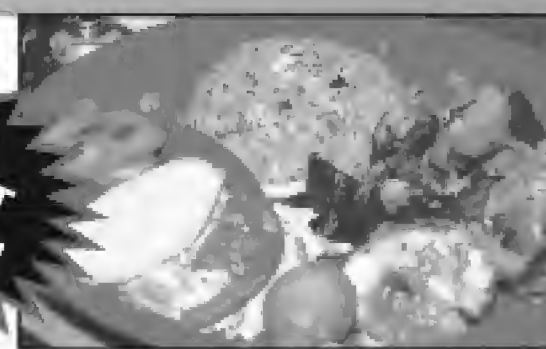
siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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## Linda Nocon honored at the Aruba Beach Club



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## Special visitors were honored at the Costa Linda Beach Resort



Recently, Beatriz & Kenneth Mathison from Houston Texas was honored as an Ambassador of goodwill after returning to Aruba for 20 years consecutive years. Also Kristen & Debbie Mahoney were honored as an Distinguished visitor returning to Aruba for more than 10 years consecutive. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between 10 and 20 years consecutive. Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Costa Linda Beach Resort.

Mrs. Beatriz commented that she will never change her vacation island for any other island.

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were they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", the great weather, and Friendly Aruban Hospitality, white sand beaches and the local

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Picture depicts Mr. Croes from ATA together with the honorees at Costa Linda Resort.

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## Larissa Leeuwe returns from the Miss World Pageant with accolades



Larissa during her presentation at Miss World

Miss World is one of the major international beauty pageants, attracting 130 contestants annually. Aruba is a very tiny spot on the globe, but this year's representative, Larissa Leeuwe, left a big impression on judges and contenders alike.

Placing in the top twenty overall, she is the first contestant from Aruba to be named in the top ten for their "Beauty with a Purpose" project, in the decade that this category has been an important element of the pageant.

"Since the Beauty with a Purpose ethos was incorporated into Miss World, millions of pounds have been raised and countless hours of hard work have been carried out across the globe," explain franchise representa-



**Larissa with her parents** tives. "As well as the official Beauty With A Purpose Charity, many other outlets of these selfless activities have been utilized through the years."

Larissa chose to address the issue of domestic violence, championing five

Aruban foundations focused on it various elements to protect and assist children and battered women and offering family counseling. She organized fundraisers and information campaigns. Her video chronicling her project can be viewed on the Miss World website:

<http://www.missworld.com/BeautywithPurpose/2013-09-13/Aruba-BWAP-Project-2013/>

Larissa arrived back on Aruba on Monday afternoon after spending nearly a month in Bali, Indonesia for the pageant, with her parents at her side the entire time. It was a 26-hour journey via Hong Kong, Vancouver, Canada, and New York to arrive on the island looking fresh, beautiful and every inch the beauty queen!

By Rosalie Klein



Larissa with parents, aunt and uncle and Renne Lacle of Star Promotions

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## Aruba video contest runner-up gets pampered in Aruba



Diane Patterson and her husband Ronnie from Dunmore Connecticut enjoyed a fantastic stay in Aruba at Paradera Park Apartments and a week of pampering with a whole array of activities that she won as part of her prize for

achieving second place in the VisitAruba video contest.

Aruba is not new to Diane, in fact this was her seventh visit, having been here for the first time in 2002 upon recommendation by friends. She and her husband fell in

love with Aruba and come back any chance they can. Of course Diane jumped at the chance of winning a trip to Aruba through the VisitAruba video contest which she heard about online. This was the first time she had ever participated in such a contest and found it a lot of fun to do. She was of course delighted to hear that her video entry for which she used many pictures and video clips from her previous trips to Aruba, won second prize.

We visited Diane and Ronnie on the day of their arrival at Paradera Park Apartments where they won a week's stay as part of the ample prize package. Having been there for only a few hours, they already had only good things to say about Paradera Park's peaceful tropical surroundings and beautiful gardens which they found to be quite a different and welcoming experience compared with their previous experiences at high-rise hotels. Paradera Park's ever-gracious and smiling host Debby de Weerd was on-hand to welcome Diane and Ronnie with a bottle of champagne on ice and we all celebrated their win and start to another relaxing vacation in beautiful surroundings.

Diane reiterated what many visitors say about Aruba "We love the people, they are very friendly!" Her husband Ronnie pointed out that they specifically are always impressed with the

food variety and quality on the island, mentioning that Aruba has many outstanding restaurants. They have a few favorite restaurants that they visit every time like Driftwood and The French Steakhouse, but they also always make it a point to try new restaurants when they can.

They definitely had the opportunity to do so this time since as part of their prize package they won a dinner for two at three great restaurants that they have never been to before being Marandi, Cuba's Cookin' and 7 West.

Diane and Ronnie like to go off the beaten path and explore Aruba whenever they have the chance. For them to be able to do this, Budget Car Rental offered a three day rental as part of the prize package and they were also treated to an Aruba Segway Tour which provides a different but close-up experience of some of Aruba's attractive spots. Diane and her husband also got to enjoy the not-to-be-missed South Side Lunch Cruise with Captain Anthony Hagedoorn on the Tranquilo sailing boat.

Last but not least, for a bit of nightlife and entertainment, Diane and Ronnie also had a night on the town with the famous Kukoo Kunuku Dinner and Barhopping Tour.

We look forward to hearing from Diane and Ronnie on their 8th, 9th 10th and umpteenth Aruba vacations!

## Upper-crust British PM makes own bread

MANCHESTER (AFP) - British Prime Minister David Cameron admitted Tuesday he doesn't know the price of a loaf of bread - because he bakes his own.

British politicians are occasionally asked the price of basic household staples by the media to see how "in touch" they are with the rest of society, usually in a bid to trip them up.

Cameron, 46, who was educated at the elite Eton College and Oxford University, said he did not buy the cheapest sliced supermarket loaf as he used an electric breadmaker and flour made in his wealthy constituency in southern England.

"You get some of that, beautifully milled in the Cotswolds, you pop that in your breadmaker. You set the timer overnight so when you wake up there is this wonderful smell wafting through your kitchen," he told London's LBC radio.

"It takes 30 seconds to put in the ingredients."

He said his three children "like my home-made bread".

The presenter told him that the cost of a loaf of value supermarket bread is around 47 pence (76 cents, 56 euro cents).

Cameron, whose wife Samantha is the daughter of a baronet, is at his Conservative Party's annual conference in Manchester, northwest England, where he was due to make his keynote speech Wednesday.

Michael Dugher, vice-chair of the opposition Labour Party said: "David Cameron is so out of touch he's almost a parody of himself."

"It comes as no surprise that he doesn't buy a value loaf of bread. The only surprise is when he said 'I have a bread maker' -- most people will have assumed he had his own personal baker, rather than a machine."

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## This is the week of Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival! Popular artist Giovanna is in the House!



Monday evening aboard the KLM popular artist Giovanna arrived on Aruba. Giovanna is one of Friday night's main attractions. She will be sharing

her knowledge with the children.

About a month ago Giovanna launched her production: "Satellite Love."



the stage with Gran Combo de Puerto Rico and Willy Garcia.

Giovanna will not only be presenting of Friday evening but she will also visit a local school to interchange some of

Aruba will have the honor of being one of the first to experience these songs live!

Aruba and lovers of good music abroad are super excited for the 7th edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival.

Set to take place over Columbus Day Weekend, Friday and Saturday, October 4 & 5, the island is already buzzing with excitement. The whole week is filled with activities leading up to the weekend starting with the warm-up sessions which will be totally free! Today Sazon Cubano will be at Arawak Garden at Palm Beach and "The Press Club with live music" will be at Casibari Café. On Thursday at Moomba Beach Luci & The Soul Brokers will be presenting.

Line up for Friday's concerts will be El Gran Combo from Puerto Rico, Willy Garcia (from Grupo Niche), Giovanna, Levi Silvanie, Kross-Hart Project, Bambu, Marquese Scott, Acoustic Soul y Dj Meneer Moret.

Line up Saturday evening will be jazz icon George Benson, José James, Luci & The Soul Brothers, Gualao ft Eduardo Maya Live Xpressions, Sazon Cubano, Ivan Jansen Project, Groovehunters, Beady Man and Sazon Cubano.

On the concert days there will also be music at the entrance, on Friday Live Expressions and Saturday Kross Hart Project.

Gates will be open from 6 p.m.

Inside the convention center will be the Purple Stage, and adjacent, in the Renaissance Fiesta Garden, will be the popular food court and beverage stands. The lane that is usually the exit for the Renaissance Marketplace will be converted into a two-way lane allowing access to the parking lot adjacent to Wilhelmina Park. An arrangement has been made for the large parking lots next to the Plaza Turismo across from Talk of the Town Resort, and the other parking areas of the Linear Park to be used for the festival over those two night. A fleet of trams will be traversing the bike paths regularly to transport concert goers from their cars to the Renaissance Festival Plaza.

After parties with the artists jamming until the wee hours will be held at Chaos Cafe, across the street.

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## Israel ready to tackle nuclear Iran 'alone': Netanyahu

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Israel is ready to act alone to stop Iran making a nuclear bomb, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday, in a warning against rushing into deals with Tehran's new leaders.

"Israel will not allow Iran to get nuclear weapons. If Israel is forced to stand alone, Israel will stand alone," Netanyahu told a UN summit, in an attack on overtures made by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani.

Netanyahu linked Rouhani, who held a landmark conversation with US President Barack Obama while in New York last week, to past attacks blamed on Iran.

"He fooled the world once. Now he thinks he can

fool it again. You see, Rouhani thinks he can have his yellow cake and eat it too," Netanyahu said, demanding sanctions pressure be maintained.

Last year Netanyahu used a cartoon drawing of a bomb to illustrate his warning at the UN that Iran was close to the nuclear bomb threshold -- symbolized a red line he scrawled on the diagram.

There were no similar theatrics this time, but Iran immediately warned Netanyahu against making a "miscalculation" by launching an attack. It also renewed its denial that it seeks a nuclear bomb.

"I wish I could believe Rouhani. But I don't," Netanyahu said.

"Iran wants to be in a po-

sition to rush forward to build nuclear bombs before the international community can detect it and much less prevent it," he alleged.

A nuclear-armed Iran would be a bigger threat than North Korea, Netanyahu added.

"As dangerous as a nuclear-armed North Korea is, it pales in comparison to the danger of a nuclear-armed Iran," he said.

"A nuclear-armed Iran in the Middle East wouldn't be another North Korea -- it would be another 50 North Koreas."

North Korea, which like Iran faces wide-ranging UN sanctions over its nuclear program, is believed to have several nuclear bombs and to have shared technology with Iran.



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Boehner, who effectively chose to side with the uproarious Tea Party faction of his party rather than risk his job by attempting to pass a straight funding resolution stripped of political poison pills, lit into the president.

"Washington Democrats have slammed the door on reopening the government by refusing to engage in bipartisan talks," he wrote in an opinion piece in USA Today.

"This is part of a larger pattern: the president's scorched-Earth policy of refusing to negotiate in bipartisan way on his health care law, current government funding, or the debt limit."

So far at least, Boehner was dancing on the trickiest political ground.

A Quinnipiac University poll found voters oppose the shutdown of the government as a way to derail Obamacare by a margin of 72 percent to 22 percent.

The New York Daily News tabloid had a more blunt summation: "House of Turds" its front page read, in a swipe at Republicans modelled on the hit Netflix political mini series "House of Cards."

Thousands of Federal workers trekked into town only to clear their desks and to be told they were not "essential" to the running of the US government machine.

Young aides trooped out of the White House, leaving Obama with only a skeleton crew on hand.

Perplexed tourists were turned away from monuments and museums on the National Mall secured behind barriers and tape reading "Police Line: Do not Cross."

Another symbol of hard won freedoms -- The Statue of Liberty in New York -- was off limits to disappointed tourists.

Other government-funded bodies seen as doing urgent work, like the military and border patrol, were kept at full strength, but the Penta-

gon was due to stand down almost half of its 800,000 civilian employees.

Under the serene Capitol Dome, warring lawmakers, exhausted by the political theatrics of Monday night, stirred as the shutdown moved into its 18th hour.

But early hopes that a compromise would emerge once the shock of the shutdown had hit proved premature.

Republicans in the House and Senate geared up for an effort to pass small bills funding popular parts of the government, including Veterans benefits and museums.

The plan appeared to be an attempt to shame Democrats who say they will not negotiate with "a gun to their head" with the government closed.

"That proposal shows the utter lack of seriousness that we're seeing from Republicans," said White House spokesman Jay Carney.

Democratic Senate Majority leader Harry Reid added: "We won't be forced to choose between parks and cancer research... or the FBI."

Democratic tactics were designed to thwart every Republican attempt for a facing saving exit and to force an eventual climbdown from Boehner.

Obama warned that the shutdown could have disastrous consequences for the sluggish economic recovery.

"We may not know the full impact of this Republican shutdown for some time," he said.

"We know that the last time Republicans shut down the government in 1996, it hurt our economy. And unlike 1996, our economy is still recovering from the worst recession in generations."

To press his case, Obama was due to meet CEOs of some top Wall Street firms at the White House on Wednesday.



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## International News

### Dutch, British police free teenage girls from suspected traffickers

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch and British police have arrested four suspected human traffickers and rescued four teenage girls hidden in the back of a camping car headed for Britain, Dutch prosecutors said on Monday.

Two of the suspects and their human cargo were on their way to Rotterdam to catch a ferry to Britain when Dutch gendarmes searched their camping car at a rest stop near the southern Dutch town of Bergen op Zoom on Thursday.

"The marechaussee (gendarmes) went into action after

receiving a British request for help," the Public Prosecutor's office said in a statement.

British police have arrested a man in the northern city of Hull in connection with the case. There is a regular ferry service between Rotterdam and Hull.

A fourth man was arrested on Friday in Beverwijk, northwest of Amsterdam.

Ali Muhammed Raza, 38, appeared Saturday morning in a Hull court, charged with four counts of facilitating illegal entry, plus conspiracy to facilitate illegal entry, Britain's Serious Organised Crime

Agency (SOCA) said in a statement.

The three other suspects, two Iraqi nationals and a man from Turkey, aged between 24 and 34, are expected to be extradited to Britain soon.

The four teens, believed to be from Syria or Iraq, have requested asylum in the Netherlands.

"We believe those arrested were members of a well-established people-smuggling racket that was preying on vulnerable females in order to line their own pockets," said SOCA spokeswoman Jane Johnson.



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Riot police stand guard as teachers and supporters block access to Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport to protest education reform legislation in Mexico City on October 1, 2013. President Enrique Pena Nieto pushed through Congress changes to the constitution in December in order to put education, which was in the hands of powerful unions, back under government control and require teachers to undergo mandatory performance appraisals. Lawmakers are now debating legislation that would implement the new laws, which have prompted protests and strikes in some states. The teachers say the mandatory testing should only be used to help them improve, not to fire them or decide promotions.

## Pope outlines plan for less 'Vatican-centric' Church

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis outlined plans for reform of the Church to make it less "Vatican-centric" on Tuesday as he met with top cardinals tasked with helping him overhaul the 2,000-year-old institution.

In his strongest censure of the intrigue-filled Vatican world yet, the Argentine pontiff condemned "leprosy" in the Vatican and called for a less hierarchical Church structured "horizontally".

"Leaders of the Church have often been Narcissuses, gratified and sickeningly excited by their courtiers. The court is the leprosy of the papacy," Francis said in an interview with Italian left-wing daily La Repubblica.

The comments came as the pope, who has become known for his humble style, met with a group of eight cardinals he has called to advise him on reforming the Vatican administration and bettering communication with local churches.

Francis has already taken several significant steps to

tackle one of the Vatican's most high-profile problems: the scandal-plagued bank.

In June he set up a pontifical commission to analyse the bank and propose ways to reform it, and on Tuesday it published its accounts for the first time in a new drive for transparency.

A report in the Corriere della Sera daily said the bank was shutting 900 accounts as part of an internal audit, including ones deemed suspicious belonging to diplomats from the embassies to the Holy See of Indonesia, Iran, Iraq and Syria.

The unique advisory board of cardinals meeting on Tuesday -- an innovation in Church government -- is holding closed door talks for three days and is expected to address a range of problems.

These could include further financial reform, the role of women in the Church and whether to soften institutional lines on issues such as the position of divorced Catholics and homosexuality.

It will also look at how to strengthen ties between the Vatican and local parishes, and place more focus on priests and their communities.

The Holy See "is too Vatican-centric", the pontiff said in the interview.

"It looks after the interests of the Vatican, which are for the most part, earthly interests. This Vatican-centric vision neglects the world that surrounds it," he said.

"I do not share this vision and will do everything to change it.

"The Church is -- or must become once more -- a community of the people of God, and the presbyter priests, vicars and bishops who cure souls are at the service of God's people," he added.

The eight cardinals in the group come from Australia, Chile, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany, Honduras, India, Italy and the United States.

"This is the start of a Church structured just not vertically but horizontally as

well," Francis said.

The cardinals "are not courtiers but wise men who share my same feelings," he added.

The 76-year-old said his focus lay on helping the Church engage better with the modern world -- while also returning to its humble roots.

"We have to open up to the future," he said, recalling how the 1962-1965 Second Vatican Council, which carried out large-scale reforms to update the Church.

Those who drew up the reforms "knew that opening up to modern culture meant Christian unity and dialogue

with non-believers."

"Little was done to follow up on it. I have the humility and ambition to want to do it," he added.

The pontiff recalled his namesake, St Francis of Assisi, who "longed for a poor Church that looked after others, accepted monetary help and used it to help others with no thought of itself."

The first pope from Latin America also revealed that he had briefly thought about turning down the papal nomination after being elected by his fellow cardinals at an historic conclave in the Sistine Chapel in March.




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## Health & Living

### Baby is born in Japan after ovary experiment



**In this Dec. 28, 2012 photo provided by Dr. Kazuhiro Kawamura of the St. Marianna University School of Medicine in Kawasaki, Japan, Kawamura holds a newborn baby whose 30-year-old mother was treated for primary ovarian insufficiency.**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A new technique that coaxes an infertile woman's ovaries into producing eggs again has resulted in the birth of a baby in Japan, international scientists said Monday.

A second woman has also become pregnant using the same method, according to the study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a peer-reviewed US journal.

Researchers caution that the technique is still in its early stages, but could offer hope for young women whose ovaries are no longer producing eggs.

This condition, known as primary ovarian insufficiency, affects about one percent of women and causes the ovaries to stop working before age 40.

Since these women enter menopause at a young age, egg donation is the only option if they want to attempt to carry a pregnancy.

The research took place in Japan and involved 27 women with primary ovarian insufficiency. Their average age was 37.

All had stopped menstruating nearly seven years earlier on average, and all agreed to have both ovaries removed as

part of the experiment.

Of this group, 13 women were found to still have residual follicles, which typically contain one immature egg.

Human females are born with about 800,000 of these follicles. Most will remain dormant, but normally one follicle develops to maturity each month and releases an egg.

"Our treatment was able to awaken some of the remaining primordial follicles and cause them to release eggs," said senior author Aaron Hsueh, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Stanford University.

The ovaries were dissected and treated with stimulant drugs to block a certain growth pathway, called PTEN, that causes the follicles to stay dormant.

Small pieces of the ovaries were then transplanted back into the women, near their fallopian tubes.

Eight of the 13 women showed signs of follicle growth, and were treated with hormones to stimulate ovulation.

From that group, five developed mature eggs, which the

researchers harvested for in vitro fertilization using the sperm of the women's partners.

One woman received two embryos and carried a single pregnancy to term, with the birth done by C-section since the fetus was in a breech position at 37 weeks.

Lead author Kazuhiro Kawamura, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the St. Marianna University School of Medicine in Japan, did the C-section himself.

"Although I believed, based on our previous research, that this in vitro activation (IVA) approach would work, I monitored the pregnancy closely and, when the baby was in a breech presentation, I performed the Caesarean section myself," said Kawamura in a statement.

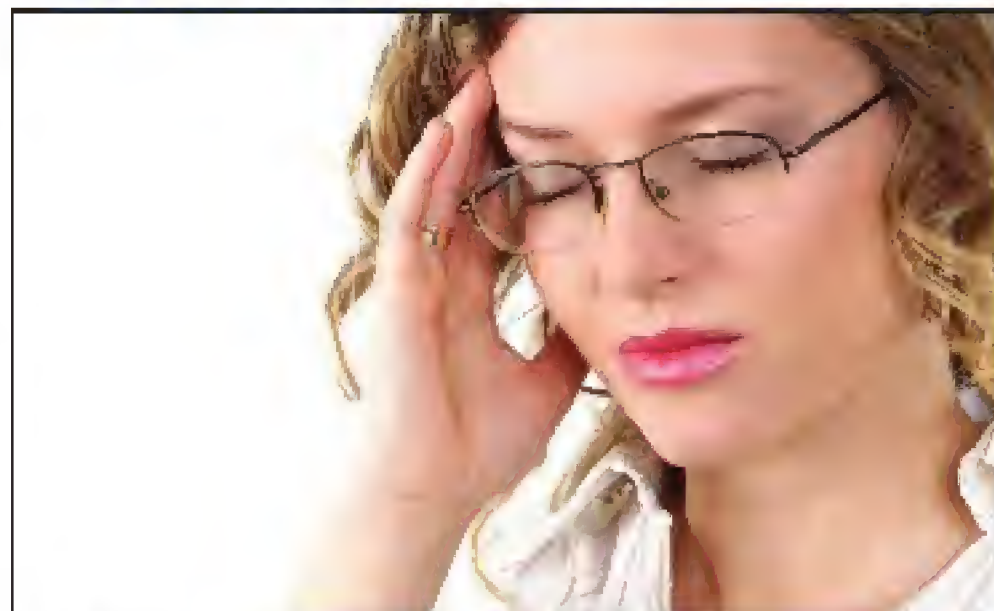
"I could not sleep the night before the operation, but when I saw the healthy baby, my anxiety turned to delight," he said. "The couple and I hugged each other in tears. I hope that IVA will be able to help patients with primary ovarian insufficiency throughout the world."

Of the other four women in the experiment, one is pregnant, two are preparing for embryo transfer or are undergoing additional egg collection, and one woman was implanted with an embryo but failed to become pregnant, the researchers said.

Alan Coppennan, director of the division of reproductive endocrinology at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York, said he applauded the US-Japanese team's "novel approach to an age-old problem."

The researchers said they hope to investigate next whether the technique could help counteract other causes of infertility, such as cancer treatment.

## Migraine with aura



-- Migraine with aura is a migraine that's preceded or accompanied by sensory warning signs or symptoms, such as flashes of light, blind spots, or tingling in your hand or face.

Migraine with aura is generally treated in the same way as migraine without aura. And the same medications and self-care measures that help to prevent a migraine can also be used to prevent migraine with aura.

Migraine aura symptoms include temporary visual or sensory disturbances that typically precede the usual migraine symptoms — such as intense head pain, nausea, and sensitivity to light and sound. Migraine aura usually occurs within an hour before head pain begins and generally lasts less than 60 minutes. Sometimes migraine aura occurs with little or no headache, especially in people age 50 and older.

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## Sci-Tech

### Facebook says 56 million 'like' it in Arab world



DUBAI (AFP) - Facebook announced Tuesday that it has 56 million active users in the Middle East and North Africa, where activists used the social media network to organise Arab Spring uprisings.

Half of these users returned to the website on a daily basis, Facebook regional chief Jonathan Labin told a news conference in Dubai, noting a significant increase in the number of people connecting from mobile devices.

"Every month, 56 million people are active on Facebook across the MENA region, with 50 percent of those returning on a daily basis," Facebook said in a statement.

In total, "33 million people in MENA use a phone or tablet to access the service every month, while the number of daily active users on mobile has reached 15 million."

"People in the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council countries) are particularly well-connected with a mobile connectivity rate of 196 percent -- an average of two SIM cards per person," the US company added.

According to Labin, this increase in Facebook users offers great opportunities for advertisers.

Facebook's mobile advertising revenues have leaped from zero percent in the first half of 2012 to 41 percent of total advertising revenues in the second quarter of 2013.

In May 2012, Facebook announced the opening in Dubai of its sales office for the Middle East and North Africa, naming Dubai's Emirates Airlines and Doha-based Al Jazeera television among its advertising clients.

Activists in several Arab world countries have used Facebook and other Internet social networking sites as a speedy, anonymous and efficient engine to organise protests and campaigns that swept the region since 2011.

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## Belgian euthanised due to sex change distress



BRUSSELS (AFP) - A 44-year-old Belgian in distress after a failed sex change was euthanised this week after doctors agreed to the mercy-killing on psychological grounds, national media said Tuesday.

Nathan Verhelst died Monday in a Brussels hospital surrounded by friends after requesting assistance to die in a case that has been highly publicised in Belgium, which became only the second country in the world after the Netherlands to legalise euthanasia in 2002.

"He died in all serenity," said doctor Wim Distelmans, who told the daily Het Laatste Nieuws that he won permission to be euthanised because "we could clearly say he was in unbearable psychological distress."

Nathan was born Nancy into a family of three boys where he was rejected by parents who had wanted another son, said

the newspaper who spoke to him on the eve of his death.

He underwent three operations to change sex between 2009 and 2012 but felt uncomfortable with his body, saying he still had breasts and that his penis was "a failure".

"The first time I saw myself in the mirror I felt an aversion for my new body," he said. "I had happy moments but in the end the balance tipped to the wrong side."

Jacqueline Herremans, a member of the national euthanasia committee, told RTL television that he had been examined by two doctors, including a psychiatrist, to make sure he was not suffering from a temporary depression.

While there were only six cases of euthanasia recorded on psychological grounds in 2004, there were 33 in 2011 and 52 last year.

Euthanasia is currently legal only for those over 18 but parliament is considering calls to legalise the euthanasia of minors, so long as they are judged capable of deciding for themselves.

Belgium recorded a record 1,432 cases of euthanasia in 2012, up 25 percent from the previous year. They represented two percent of all deaths.

There are strict conditions governing the act including that patients must be capable, conscious and have to give a "voluntary, considered and repeated" request to die.

## YouTube launches first music awards

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Video-sharing service YouTube has announced its first music awards, which will be presented at a live event November 3 featuring Lady Gaga, Eminem, Arcade Fire and others.

YouTube said the awards are a recognition that "music fans have turned YouTube into the world's go-to music destination."

"Now, to celebrate music fans and the music you love, we're announcing a new kind of awards show -- one powered by you," YouTube's marketing vice president Danielle Tiedt said in a blog post late Monday.

The Google-owned service said it will make nominations on October 17 and "we'll then call on you to determine the songs and artists honored, by sharing the nominees across social media so the awards are judged in full view of everyone."

The awards will be made in a live-streamed event including "top artists and some of YouTube's biggest stars."

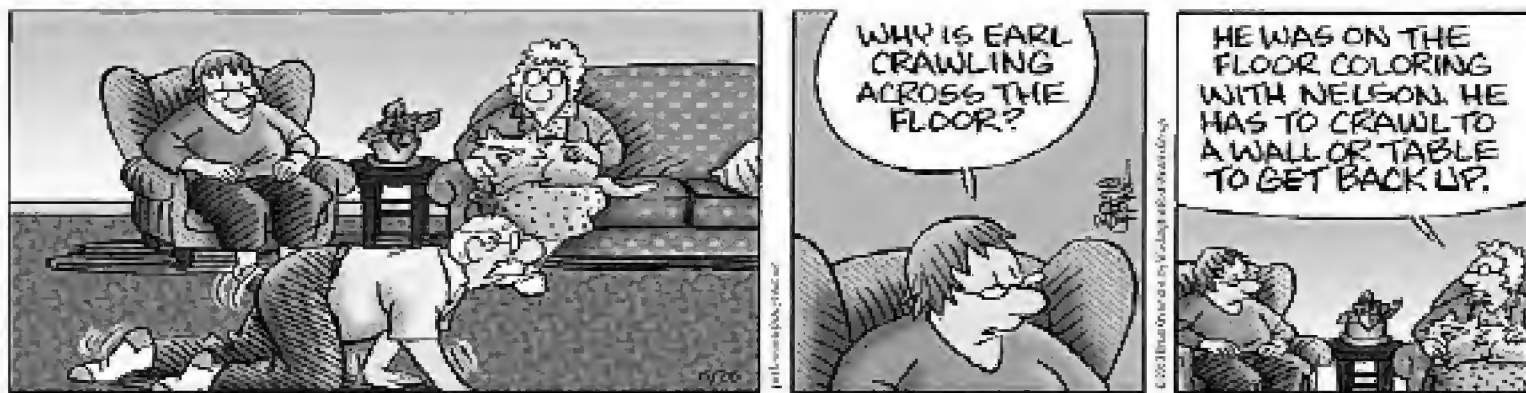
It will feature "performances and musical collaborations from Seoul, Moscow, London and Rio, culminating in a live event in New York City," Tiedt said.

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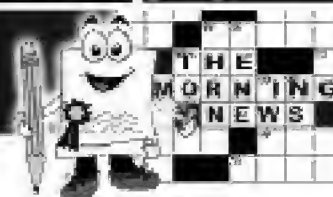
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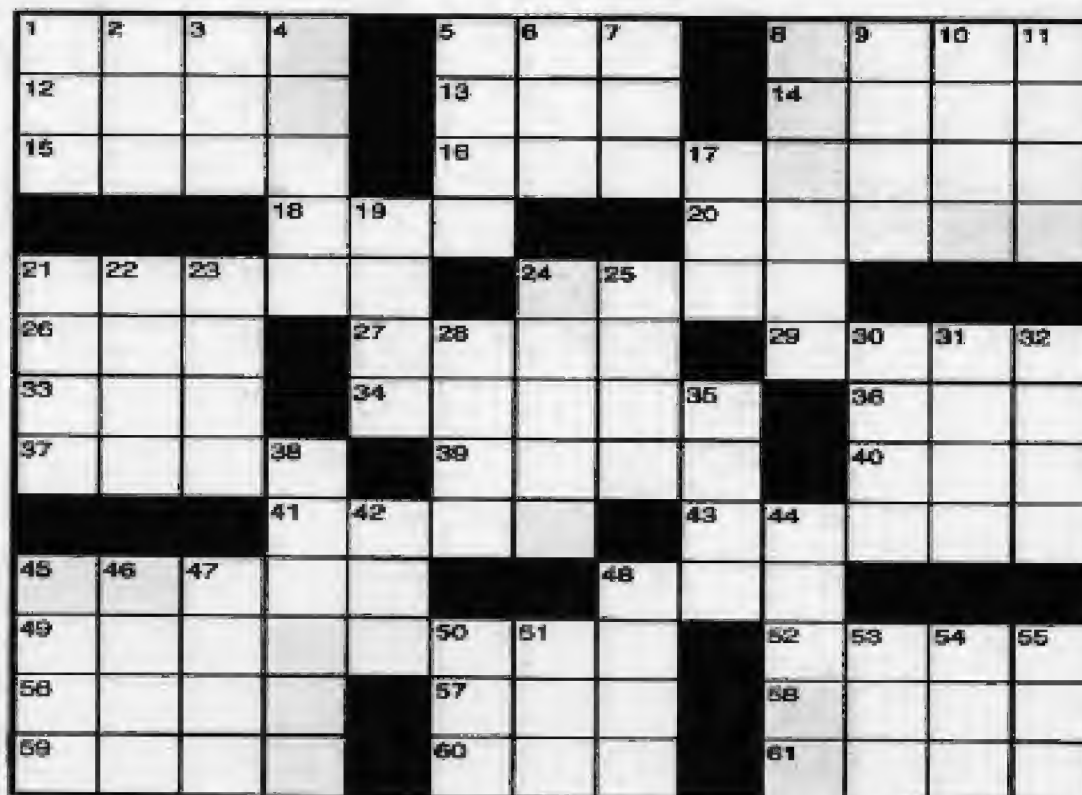
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16. Terrible
18. Lamb's guardian
20. Actress ZaSu
21. Swampy area
24. Hone
26. Pub brew
27. Honolulu's island
29. Christmas
33. Boise's state (abbr.)
34. In flames
36. Catch
37. Cooking fat
39. Heights (abbr.)
40. Confer knighthood upon
41. Used to be
43. Trudges
45. Santa's little helpers
48. Initials on a memo
49. Eating hour
52. Tick follower
56. Place to yell "charge!"

## DOWN

57. Caviar base
58. "Give \_\_\_ us..."
59. Greek god
60. Pregrown lawn
61. Norms on golf courses
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2. French negative
3. Topeka's st.
4. Brogans
5. Bump
6. Timetable
7. Before (prefix)
8. Quirk
9. Abandoned
10. Oversupply
11. "\_\_\_ fair..."
17. Chimpanzee, e.g.
19. Rein-puller's shout
21. Post
22. "M\*A\*S\*H" star
23. \_\_\_ view mirror
24. During
25. Injure
28. Distant
30. Take apart
31. Sing high praises
32. Subsides
35. See at a distance
38. Resides
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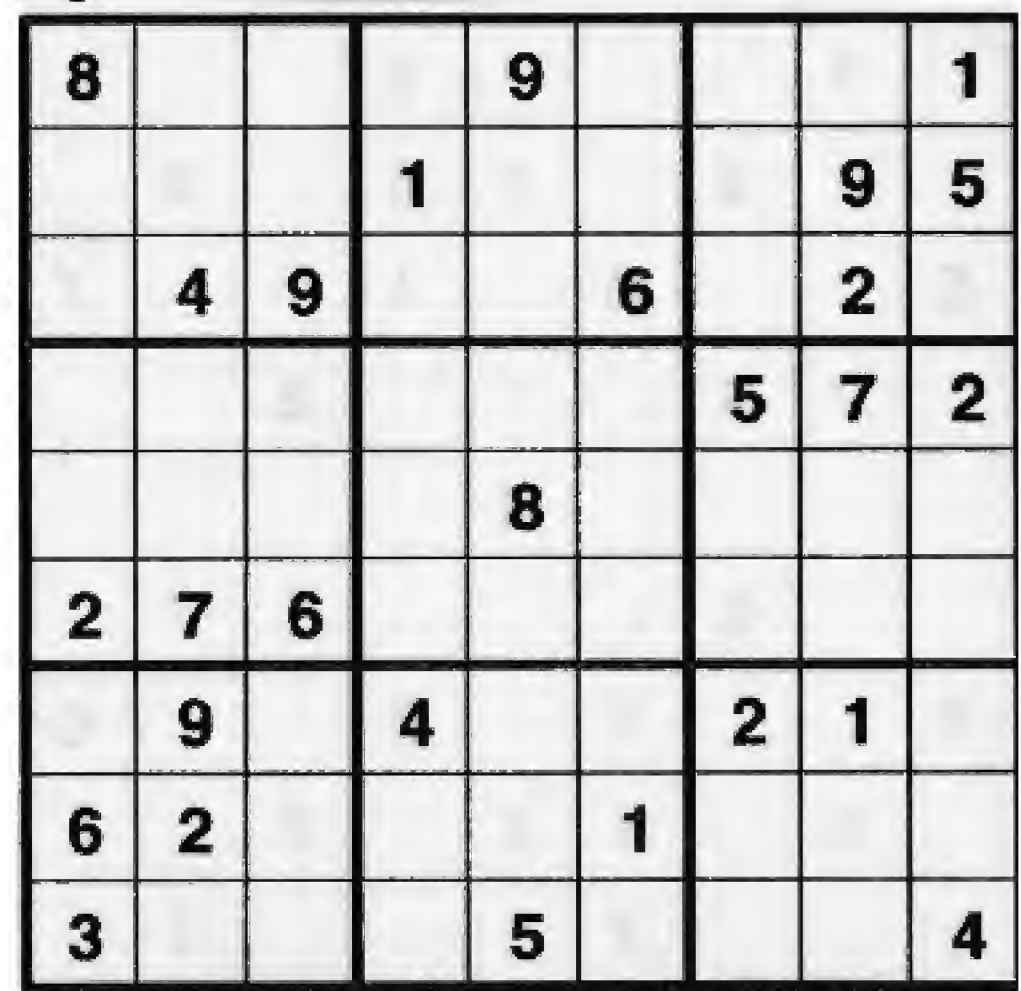
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## Record sugar cane production expected in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - An industry association said Tuesday it expected record sugar cane production in Brazil in 2013-14, with an ever-growing share going to ethanol output.

Unica, which represents 60 percent of the country's sugar cane producers and processors, said the harvest in the main producing region in central-southern Brazil should total 587 million tons, up 10.18 percent from the previous one.

"This is going to be a bumper crop. The sector is returning to normal after three years of major turmoil,"

Unica president Elizabeth Farina told a press conference.

The association said its members' mills should yield as much sugar as last year (34 million tons) and significantly increase their output of ethanol, a sugar-based bio-fuel.

"Ethanol production is projected to reach 25 billion liters, 17.21 percent more than the previous crop," Unica said.

More than 54 percent of the sugar cane harvested this year should be earmarked for ethanol output, up from 50 percent last year.

Thanks to growing investments and mechanization, productivity has markedly improved, 83.7 tons of sugar cane per hectare, up from 75.9 tons in 2012-13, it said.

But heavy rains in recent months as well as frost in some growing areas affected the sugar concentration, which fell slightly compared with last year.

Brazil is the world's leading sugar producer and the sugar cane sector directly employs 1.2 million people out of a total population of more than 200 million.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## FINANCE

### Shutdown freezes US economic data mill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The flow of official US economic statistics choked up Tuesday, cut off by a partial government shutdown over a budget fight.

Data on the world's largest economy that economists, analysts and financial markets watch closely have been put on hold after Congress failed to reach a budget compromise by the Monday midnight deadline, leaving no operating cash for the new 2014 fiscal year that began Tuesday.

That means especially that Friday's jobs report for September, which analysts await with great anticipation for signs of the economy's strength, and which the Federal Reserve studies to shape monetary policy, could be missing in action.

On Tuesday morning, the first official data victim was the Department of Commerce's report on construction spending

in August, originally slated for release at 10:00 am.

A message on the phone at the Commerce Department said: "If you leave a message I'll be unable to respond until funding has been appropriated and the shutdown ends."

The Labor Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, which reports the nation's gross domestic product and the monthly trade balance, shuttered its website.

"Due to the lapse in government funding, [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov) will be unavailable until further notice. This includes access to all data and the e-File system."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which issues the crucial jobs data normally on the first Friday of the month, said its website would not be updated due to the shutdown.

"During the shutdown period BLS will not collect data, issue reports, or respond to

public inquiries. Updates to the site will start again when the federal government resumes operations," the BLS said.

Deutsche Bank analysts said in a research note that there was a possibility that, if the government reopens ahead of Friday, the BLS could try to put the jobs data out.

If not, they said, the employment report from private payrolls firm ADP, due Wednesday, will provide a substitute for the BLS data on job creation.

But without the BLS numbers, "the trajectory of aggregate income growth (the product of workers, hours and wages) will remain largely unknown."

The Labor Department does plan to publish the weekly report on new claims for unemployment benefits as scheduled on Thursday, citing use of a contingency plan for a lapse in funding.

### Oil prices extend falls amid US shutdown

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices retreated again on Tuesday after the partial US government shutdown raised doubts about the strength of US energy demand.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for November delivery fell 29 cents to \$102.04 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. WTI earlier in the session traded as low as \$101.06 a barrel.

European benchmark Brent crude for delivery in November gave up 43 cents to \$107.94 a barrel.

Tuesday's decline followed a similar retreat Monday as the

prospect of much of the government closing down, due to a political battle over the budget, raised concerns about the impact that 800,000 people furloughed without pay would have on economic growth.

One impact will be less energy used for commuting.

"The immediate effect is going to be on gasoline demand," said Andy Lebow, senior vice president for energy derivatives at Jefferies Bache.

"You are going to lose a little bit of demand. You don't know for how long."

Most analysts still do not believe the shutdown will be

long enough to cause a major hit to the US economy.

"The main consideration in the very, very short-term is that the US economy will not be significantly impacted as long as a resolution is seen in the coming days," said Matt Smith, analyst at Schneider Electric. "That could be a large caveat."

Markets on Wednesday will be watching the weekly report on US oil inventories. Analysts estimate commercial stocks rose 2.1 million barrels for the week ended September 27, according to a survey by Dow Jones Newswires.

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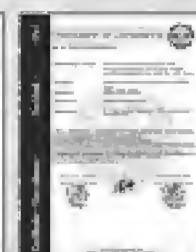
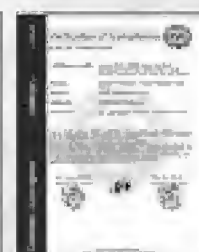
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## Media group accuses Venezuela of 'strangling' newspapers

MIAMI (AFP) - A media rights watchdog accused the Venezuelan government Tuesday of financially strangling the country's newspapers by restricting their access to imports of supplies necessary for publication.

The Inter American Press Association commented in the wake of a weekend announcement by El Impulso that it would be cutting both the number of its pages and the use of color due to a lack of production materials.

The editorial claimed that, despite 11 months of complaints, the paper has been unable to get a government green light to gain access to foreign currency to buy essentials such as newsprint, ink and printing plates.

Instead, it faced "official silence," according to the Miami-based IAPA.

IAPA official Claudio Paolillo called the apparent development a "convenient double morality of the government of President Nicolas Maduro, a

kind of programmed shortage."

It was also a "crafty and hardly creative manner of silencing the independent and critical voices in the country," he added in a statement that accused the government of "financially strangling" local newspapers.

Tight currency controls enacted in 2003 make it tough to get dollars for international purchases. But last year the government made it even harder to get newsprint and other supplies not produced locally by requiring them to get a special license.

The result, especially for small regional newspapers, has been editions with fewer pages, a less frequent publishing schedule, or even no paper at all.

In previous remarks last month, Paolillo -- who heads IAPA's press freedom committee -- said the licenses "are contrary to the free flow of information that should prevail in a democracy."

## New York City Opera to close after 70 years

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The New York City Opera said Tuesday it would close and start filing for bankruptcy after failing to secure a desperately needed \$7 million through an emergency fund-raising appeal.

The city's second opera company, dubbed "the people's opera", opened its first season in 1944 and had set out to make the genre more accessible and affordable to the masses.

But the deadline on an emergency appeal expired at midnight on Monday with the company collecting only \$2 million of the \$7 million it needed to keep its doors open.

"New York City Opera did not achieve the goal of its emergency appeal," spokeswoman Risa Heller said in a statement.

"Today, the board and management will begin the necessary financial and operational steps to wind down the company including initiating the Chapter 11 process," she added.

The company's board decided last week to file for bankruptcy if the sum was not met, following enduring financial difficulty in recent years.



New York's outgoing mayor, Michael Bloomberg, has reportedly refused to rescue the company.

While he said he would be "sad" if the opera company closed, neither the city administration nor his private foundation would save it, The New York Times reported on Monday.

"The business model doesn't seem to be working," he was quoted as saying.

NYCO has helped launch the careers of several thousand young singers, including greats Plácido Domingo and American soprano Beverly Sills.

"I am only one among many, many singers who have had essential early training and

encouragement with this company over the 70 years of its existence," Domingo has been quoted as saying by The Wall Street Journal.

"I think it's terrible that a city as big and as wealthy as New York can't support a second major opera company -- one that is able to take risks with repertoire, engage relatively inexperienced singers, and make other experiments," Domingo said.

NYCO, which also offers educational programs for children, had been part of Lincoln Center from 1966 until 2010.

But financial difficulties forced it to move to Lower Manhattan and significantly reduce output.

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshu Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, for Dinner from 6.00p.m. to

11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: [saus.arubancuisine@live.com](mailto:saus.arubancuisine@live.com), offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

## SPORTS

## Aruban delegation returns from Peru with 8 Medals!



-- The first South American Youth Games held in Lima, Peru resulted in being very successful for the Aruba delegation.

Monday afternoon the Aruba delegation returned from Lima, Peru. The Aruba Olympic Committee, a large group of friends, parents and

family were on hand to welcome them all back home.

Secretary General of COA, Nicole Hoevertsz indicated that she was very pleased with the final results. Our young athletes demonstrated that through hard work they can reach very high levels of performance. The majority of the

athletes from especially big countries will be present at the Olympic Games in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she indicated.

With 8 medals during the different competitions, it is safe to say that the games were very successful for our young athletes. This was certainly the result of hard work by each of the players as well as from the coaches who guided them in the best ways possible.

The sports for which they won medals in Lima, Peru were: swimming, cycling, taekwondo, Judo and windsurfing. BMX, came in second place and route cycling won the race against the clock, yet without winning a medal due to the point system in Peru.

Congratulations to all our athletes and the entire Aruba delegation for a tremendous performance in Lima, Peru...you did great!



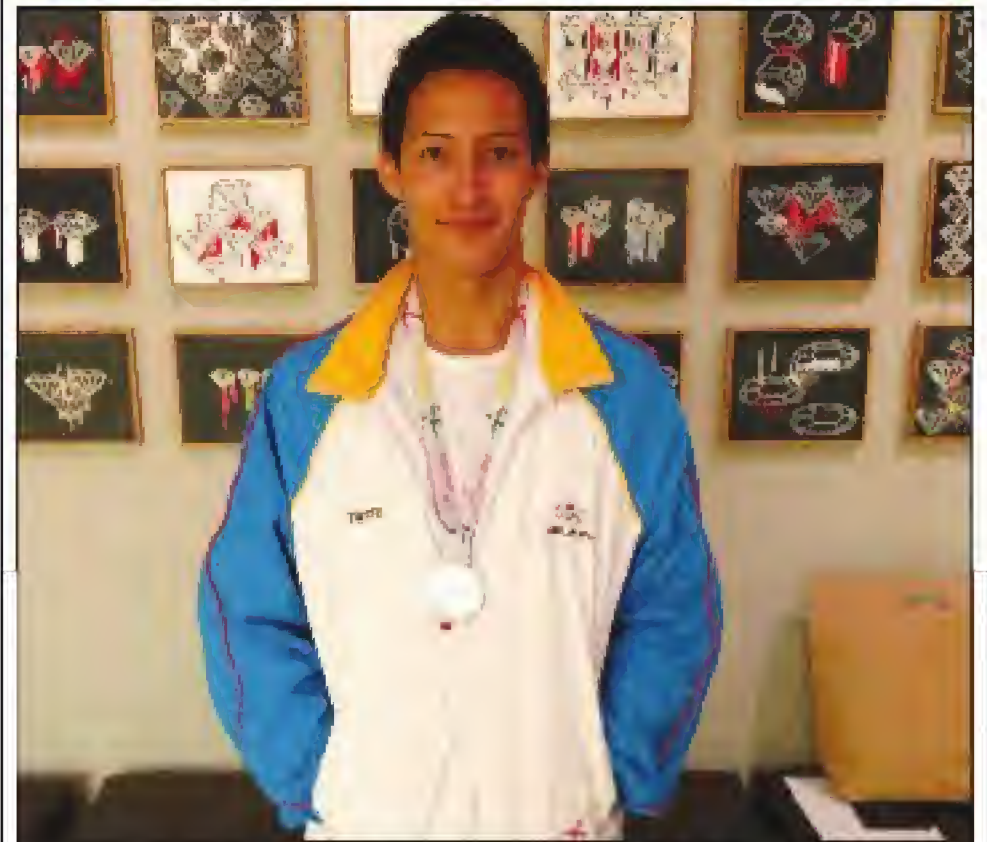
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## Judoka Croes wins Silver for Aruba in South American Youth Games



-- Last Saturday, the last day of the competition, Judoka Isaac Croes surprised everyone with a silver medal for his game in the mixed 55kg category fight. In this mixed competition Isaac fought together with his colleagues of Paraguay, Colombia, Panama and Argentina and won the silver medal. For the Aruba delegation this was the 8th medal...an impressive accomplishment in view of the fact that this was the first South American Youth Games organized by our delegation. For many months our athletes trained hard both at home and abroad. Their hard training definitely paid off well.

The Aruba Olympic Committee congratulates our athlete Judoka Croes with his silver medal at Lima, Peru....  
**Pabien!**

## Jourde Klaber wins Brons in Orlando at "Daedo-Truescore 3rd Int. Open"



-- Last Saturday, the "Daedo-Truescore 3rd International Open" was held in Orlando and Jourde Klaber of the Aruba Brazil Taekwondo Foundation was one of the participants. He fought for and won the Brons medal. Last week at the Pan American Cadet in Mexico, Jourde Klaber won a Brons medal and at the Pan American Open he won a Silver medal. Clifford Rasmijn decided that he is going to work diligently to bring home a gold medal for Aruba. Jourde, who was winning 8-7 from Rodrigo Alejandro Escobar Hernandez from Guatemala, finally lost in the fourth final 11-8 with Rodrigo winning CT Jean of the USA. The next international championship on the program is the Panama Open. Aruba is evaluating whether to participate in this as this is the last championship of this nature for this year.

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## NFL: Brees shines as Saints crush Dolphins

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - Drew Brees threw four touchdown passes as the New Orleans Saints breezed to a 38-17 win over the Miami Dolphins in a clash of unbeaten National Football League teams on Monday.

Brees connected on 30-of-39 passes and 413 yards for the Saints, who were coming off a dominating 31-7 win over Arizona and are now 4-0 on the season.

Brees surpassed the 300-yard passing mark for the ninth consecutive game, tying his own NFL record set over the 2011-2012 seasons.

Jimmy Graham caught four passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns and Darren Sproles added seven catches for 114 yards and one touchdown.



for the Saints in front of a crowd of 73,118 at Superdome stadium.

New Orleans are off to their best start since winning the first 13 games of the season in 2009 before going on to win the NFL championship.

Marques Colston finished with 96 yards on seven catches in Monday's win.

Ryan Tannehill struggled for the Dolphins, completing 22-of-35 passes for 249 yards with one touchdown, three interceptions and one lost fumble. Miami fell to 3-1 on the season.

Miami's Brandon Gibson caught six passes for 71 yards and Charles Clay grabbed a half dozen passes for 42 yards and a touchdown in the loss.

The Saints cruised through the second half, outscoring the Dolphins 17-7.

New Orleans reached the end zone on their first touch of the half as Brees hit Benjamin Watson with a four-yard touchdown strike.

Brees then found Graham down the right side for a 43-yard touchdown to give New Orleans a commanding 35-10 lead.



ARLINGTON, TX (AFP) - Pitching coach Jim Hickey #48 and Jose Molina #28 of the Tampa Bay Rays celebrate their 5 to 2 win over the Texas Rangers in the American League Wild Card tiebreaker game at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington on Monday.

## Pistorius adds US forensics experts to legal team

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Paralympic star Oscar Pistorius has enlisted a team of forensic investigators from the United States for his murder trial which begins next year, his spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The investigators will work with his legal team to beef up his defence against charges he murdered his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on February 14.

The group completed a reconstruction of the murder scene in the early hours of Tuesday and attempted to match the evidence to Pistorius's version of events on the night of Steenkamp's death, South Africa's eNCA television reported.

They benefited from the co-operation of the South African police, who lent them the lavatory door through which the athlete famously fired shots on February 14.

The sprinter's trial is set for March 3 to 20 at the Pretoria High Court.

The double amputee athlete known as "Blade Runner" is currently out on bail.

He has admitted to killing Steenkamp but has denied murder, saying he shot her through a locked bathroom door because he thought she was an intruder.

The state charges she was murdered and that it was pre-meditated.

## Football: Milan snatch point in dramatic finish

AMSTERDAM (AFP) - Mario Balotelli scored a penalty in the fourth minute of added time to earn AC Milan a 1-1 draw with Ajax at the Amsterdam Arena in Champions League Group H on Tuesday.

Balotelli won the penalty in controversial circumstances after grappling with substitute centre-back Mike Van der Hoorn inside the area and his conversion from 12 yards earned the Rossoneri a draw that their second-half display deserved.

The finish was cruel on Ajax, however, as they had only taken the lead in the 90th minute of a game that had previously appeared destined to end goalless.

Ajax now face a vital double-header against Celtic while Milan will know they must do far better when they take on familiar foes Barcelona next.

Both Ajax and Milan can boast a glorious past, with 11 European Cups between them and two previous meetings in the final of the competition, Milan winning 4-1 in 1969 and Ajax gaining revenge with a 1-0 victory in the 1995 showpiece in Vienna.

Current Ajax coach Frank de Boer played in the latter game but these days he is unable to keep his best players for long enough to build a team that can properly compete on the European stage, while Milan are a shadow of their former selves.

The Rossoneri travelled to the Dutch capital on the back of a slow start to the Serie A season and without the likes of Kaka and Stephan El Shaarawy, although Mario Balotelli was able to play as he is serving a domestic suspension.

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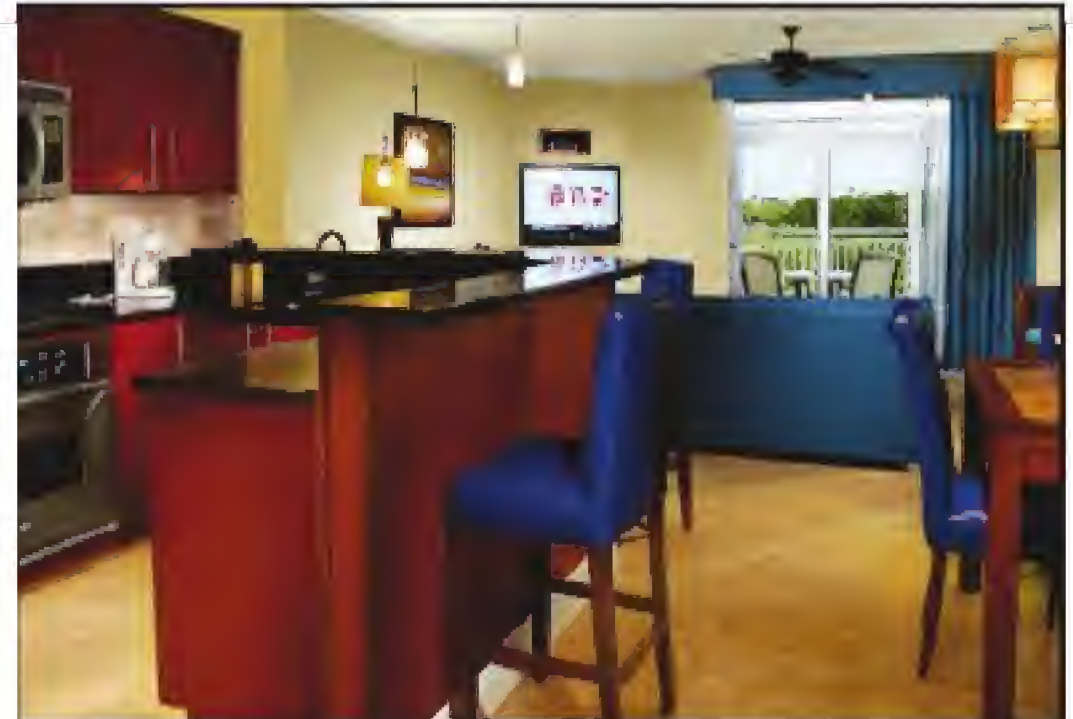


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## Football: Bale out of Copenhagen showdown



MADRID (AFP) - Gareth Bale is out of Real Madrid's Champions League clash with FC Copenhagen on Wednesday after missing training with his teammates on Tuesday.

The club confirmed on their website that the Welshman had instead taken part in an individual session in the gym, but he has been left out of coach Carlo Ancelotti's 21-man squad for the game against the Danish champions.

Bale has suffered since arriving in Madrid from the lack of a proper pre-season due to the negotiations over his move from Tottenham Hotspur dragging on for the whole

summer and the 24-year-old missed the league games against Getafe and Elche last week due to a thigh problem.

However, he returned to make his home debut as a second-half substitute in the 1-0 defeat to Atletico Madrid on Saturday.

That defeat left Real already five points behind Atletico and Barcelona, who have both made 100 percent starts to La Liga after seven games.

And Ancelotti said he expects a reaction from his players upon their return to Champions League duty.

"I'm less happy after the game against Atletico because it wasn't good, losing a derby is never a good thing," he told a press conference on Tuesday.

Defender Sergio Ramos also backed Ancelotti to turn things around and insisted that Real will compete for all of La Liga, Champions League and Copa del Rey this season.

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